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FYI

From: Paul.Faeder@p0.f0.n1010.z9.FIDONET.ORG (Paul Faeder)
Subject: Mars Face
Date: 27 Dec 90 04:02:16 GMT

A 30 minute video program based on Hoagland's studies of the "Mars Face" will be broadcast via the Weststar 4 satellite as part of the NASA Lewis (Cleveland) Educational Television Series. The program will be broadcast at 12 noon on January 6, 1991 and should be accessible to anyone with a satellite dish.

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From: John.Hicks@f29.n363.z1.FIDONET.ORG (John Hicks)
Subject: FYI
Date: 26 Dec 90 19:14:09 GMT

> looks like the good folks at Rockwell, builders of the American
> B-2 Bomber may SUE the good folks at "STEALTH CONDOM."

Seems to me I came across that in the local newspaper too. Funny.

Wonder if the Stealth Condom is triangular? ;-)

jbh

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From: pecan.cray.com!keith
Subject: RE: Super 8 film light streaks
Date: 29 Dec 90 01:43:08 GMT

From: keith@pecan.cray.com (Keith A. Fredericks)

If anyone has access to copies (or originals) of the frames where light streaks appear, would you please contact me.

It should be quite easy to tell the difference between exposure due to electrical discharge and exposure due to reflected light of an object. (with the originals)

Telling the difference between light streaks due to movement of the camera or due to fast moving objects is more difficult. Here it will be interesting to see the streak structure. It would of course be very difficult to produce extremely complex patterns ``painting with streetlights'' as has been suggested. (originals might not be necessary for this analysis).

-keith

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From: cwns2.ins.cwru.edu!xx044
Subject: Re: Paranet Newsletter 341
Date: 29 Dec 90 03:07:48 GMT

From: xx044@cleveland.freenet.edu (UF0logy SIG)

Wow, I've been off the board for a while due to a heavy

work commitment. I am very impressed with how things have progressed over this time. Hope to hear more from you. Great stuff!

Rick Dell'Aquila
Co-sysop (aa441)

From: Clark.Matthews@paranet.FIDONET.ORG (Clark Matthews)
Subject: Re: Resonant Gravity Field Coils?
Date: 29 Dec 90 03:07:00 GMT

>Someone posted a very interesting article to the Usenet newsgroup
>sci.skeptic recently. It was a description of, and plans for, a device
>called a Resonant Gravity Field Coil that allegedly could do things that
>sounded like a mix of Lazar and the Philadelphia Experiment.

>Has anyone seen this file, and can you identify the authors? Has anyone
>seen any files describing similar devices or theories? (I
>the Tesla BBS, could it have come from there?) And of course the most
>important thing -- could any of it be true?

James, I have seen a file similar to the one you describe. It will be available on my BBS within a week or so, along with numerous similar papers and, hopefully, schematics.

Word is that concentric toroidal coils can work as described. I have not built one personally. I am aware of one person who seems to have been experimenting with them who suffered severe psychological sideeffects and ultimately died as a result of a very unusual lab accident. Similar sideeffects are a matter of record in other high-energy pioneers, notably Tesla. In some circles, the word is that Jack Parsons was fooling around with similar technologies at the time of his death. My point is that the danger attached toof the device seems to be quite real and, worse, very unpredictable. Fair warning.

You know your Allende!

I work in Edison, by the way. The number of my BBS -- the Wrong Number BBS -- will be announced here in due course, as soon as I complete the file base and am assured that the mailer will function reliably. So stay tuned for a local access number.

Best,
Clark

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From: pecan.cray.com!keith
Subject: Re: Interview with Jean-Pierre Petit
Date: 30 Dec 90 00:16:37 GMT

From: keith@pecan.cray.com (Keith A. Fredericks)

-Thank you for clarifying some of John's points. However, I don't perceive
-that he was so far off the mark to deserve such a pointed rejoinder from you.
-Perhaps you can explain for us laymen how your clarifications have invalidated
-John's basic point? And please remember, we're all trying to achieve the same
-goal here. Wouldn't it be nice if people just tuning in for the first
-time could see that disagreements can be discussed in a gentlemanly fashion?

Jim,

Alas, I have fallen into that trap that we all too often fall into.
That is, the trap of wanting to show how smart we are when a topic
comes up about which we know something.

This is not a debating contest. (Or, that is not the intent).
I was just seeking to impart information to this net.

Correct me if I am wrong, but, a clarification, (as you have
correctly identified), does not necessitate invalidation. I hope
that I did not imply that John's remarks are not valid.

I think that points out another danger on the net, and particularly
on Paranet. That is, people seeking to validate and invalidate.
In my opinion this is the trap that the holier-than-thou pedantic
skeptic continues to fall into (myself included).

All too often we tend for convenience to polarize our data into
``right'' and ``wrong'' when in fact it may be partly right and partly
wrong. Unlike the hardcore skeptic, I suggest that we suspend judgement
for a while on some of these things that are in a gray area.
And there are so many things on Paranet that are neither black or white.

As for your suggestion to discuss things in a ``gentlemanly fashion''
I agree in principle with your statement, but would perhaps dust
off some of the patriarchal trimmings. The use of the male gender
in text like this is probably inappropriate nowadays.

-keith

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From: mcorbin@paranet.FIDONET.ORG (Michael Corbin)
Subject: Couldn't resist
Date: 30 Dec 90 03:50:00 GMT

I transferred two pieces of mail that Rick Moen of the Bay Area Skeptics uploaded to ParaNet Predictions Registry. I found it very interesting and informative.

Thanks Rick.

Mike

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From: mcorbin@paranet.FIDONET.ORG (Michael Corbin)
Subject: Bas Predictions Review
Date: 30 Dec 90 03:46:00 GMT

- * Forwarded from "ParaNet International Predictions "
- * Originally from Rick Moen
- * Originally dated 12-29-90 02:45

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PSYCHICS' PREDICTIONS FIZZLE FOR 1990

Jackie Onassis did not marry the young rock star Jon Bon Jovi. A tidal wave did not flood Manhattan. A meteorite did not land in the White House Rose Garden, and a cure was not found for the common cold. These are just a few of the many predictions that had been made for 1990 by famous "psychics", but were dead wrong, as chronicled by the _Bay Area Skeptics_.

At the end of each year, many well-known "psychics" issue predictions for the coming year. Twelve months later, they issue another set of predictions, conveniently forgetting those they made the year before, which are always nearly 100% wrong. Each year, however, the Bay Area Skeptics dig up the predictions made the year before, to the embarrassment of those who made them.

Many of the "psychic" predictions made are so vague that it is impossible to say if they came true or not: For example, Jeane Dixon's prediction that "secrets will weigh heavily" on Vice-President Dan Quayle is not obviously true or false. Many other "predictions" involve things that happen every year, or else are not difficult to guess, such as hurricanes along the Gulf Coast, marital strife for Charles and Diana, or terrorist incidents. Many "predictions" simply state that ongoing events and trends will continue, such as economic uncertainty, or conflict in the Middle East.

Other supposed "predictions" are not really predictions at all, but are actually disclosures of little-known events that are already under way, such as movie productions, business ventures, or developing scandals. Because questionable claims of having made an amazing prediction frequently are made in the wake of major news stories, the Bay Area Skeptics only evaluates predictions that were widely known before the events they claimed to foretell. While some predictions did of course come true, especially those that were unspecific, or not at all difficult to guess, not one prediction that was both specific and surprision came true.

The famous Washington, D.C. "psychic" Jeane Dixon, who supposedly has a "gift of prophesy", predicted that George Bush's "greatest challenge" would come this summer when he would be forced to make "life-and-death decisions about troubles in Latin America and China". While those regions were relatively quiet this summer, Dixon somehow failed to foresee Bush having any trouble with Iraq. "The worst stock market drop of the year will come in mid-April", she predicted; it actually occurred from August through mid-October. She also warned that the West Coast "will be shaken again by an October earthquake" which will "bring a volcano to life" [The Star, Jan. 16, 1990].

St. Louis "psychic" Beverly Jaegers, who claims to be able to make accurate stock market predictions, predicted that defrocked evangelist Jimmy Bakker would become a "hunted fugitive" after an escape from prison, and that Madonna would get pregnant from an affair with Pee-Wee Herman [National Enquirer, July 3, 1990].

In Chicago, "psychic" Irene Hughes predicted that Jacqueline Onassis would tie the knot with rock star Jon Bon Jovi, that Bryant Gumbel would be fired from the "Today" show after an ugly bar-room brawl, and that Chuck Norris would lead a group of mercenaries in a successful attack on a Colombian drug field

[_National Enquirer_, Jan. 2, 1990].

[continued to part two...]

Regards, Speaking for Bay Area Skeptics? Aye.
Rick Moen, Secretary Anyone else? Nay.
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- * Originally from Michael Corbin
- * Originally dated 12-29-90 16:37

The second part of Rick Moen's posting got mangled. Here it is:

Rick Moen
All
Bas Predictions review
29 Dec 90 02:45:20
[part two of two]

Los Angeles "psychic" Marie Graciette predicted that the largest earthquake ever recorded would strike the sea bed near New York City, sending in a tidal wave that would flood Manhattan [_National Enquirer_, July 3, 1990]. A meteorite would land in the White House Rose Garden, endangering the First Family by the levels of radiation it emits. (Meteorites are primarily made of iron and nickel, which are not radioactive.) She also predicted that Japanese scientists would discover a cure for the common cold while investigating the ink spewed out by squid [_National Enquirer_, Jan. 2, 1990].

Southern Californian Clarisa Bernhardt, who claims to make "incredibly accurate" earthquake predictions, foresaw that Barbra Streisand would go to Cuba and wind up in a "sizzling" romance with Fidel Castro [_National Enquirer_, July 3, 1990]. She also

predicted that the Major Leagues would have their first female baseball player, whose skill would make her a superstar [_National Enquirer_, Jan. 2, 1990].

Here in Northern California, "Psychic Astrologer" Terrie Brill of Redwood City predicted five years ago [_San Francisco Examiner_, Dec. 16, 1985] that 1990 would absolutely be the year that a massive earthquake would reshape the California coastline. "If there was doubt [about this prediction], I'd say there was doubt", she reaffirmed to the reporter. This past December, she predicted that Oprah Winfrey would marry, that Manuel Noriega (who was then holed up in the Vatican Embassy in Panama) would be released, but not to the United States, and would be killed by a Panamanian before six months had passed [_San Francisco Examiner_, Dec. 28, 1990]. Brill charges her clients \$195 an hour for predictions such as these. Twelve months ago, Brill went on record predicting an earthquake that would make the Bay Area "fall into the ocean" during 1991 [_San Jose Mercury-News_, Jan. 1, 1990], but in view of her previous dismal track record, the Bay Area Skeptics see no cause for alarm.

Based on the continuing failure of the "psychics" to make accurate predictions over the years, the Bay Area Skeptics urge everyone -- including the press -- to exercise some healthy skepticism when "psychics" and other purveyors of the paranormal make extraordinary claims or predictions. Anyone who swallows the "psychics'" claims year after year, without checking the record, is setting a bad example for students and for the public.

It is important to note that no "psychic" succeeded in predicting the genuinely surprising news stories of 1990: the invasion and occupation of Kuwait by Iraq; Hussein's holding of thousands of foreign hostages as "human shields"; George Bush saying yes to "new taxes"; and the stunning electoral defeat of the Sandinistas in Nicaragua. These major news stories were so unanticipated that someone would have had to be truly "psychic" to have predicted them. Given the number of so-called "psychics" out there, one would expect that at least a few of them would have correctly predicted these -- unless, of course, all such claims of "psychic powers" are without foundation.

The Bay Area Skeptics is a group of people from all walks of life who support the critical examination of paranormal claims, such as psychic powers, UFOs, astrology, Bigfoot, biorhythms, etc. Similar skeptics' organizations are active in many other areas of the country, including Southern California, New York, Colorado, Illinois, Arizona, Texas, and Ohio. The Committee for the Scientific Examination of Claims of the Paranormal (CSICOP) is an international skeptics' organization, made up of many famous writers, scientists, and investigators, such as Martin Gardner, Stephen Jay Gould, James "The Amazing" Randi, Isaac Asimov, and many others. Similar skeptics' groups have also been formed in many foreign countries, including Australia, Canada, France, the United Kingdom, Mexico, and India. These groups

cooperate in making their findings available to other researchers, and to the public.

For more information about the activities of the Bay Area Skeptics, you can call their recorded message line at 415-LA-TRUTH.

Regards, Speaking for Bay Area Skeptics? Aye.
Rick Moen, Secretary Anyone else? Nay.
Bay Area Skeptics

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> From: cwns2.ins.cwru.edu!xx044@scicom.AlphaCDC.COM
> Date: 29 Dec 90 03:07:48 GMT
> Message-ID: <9350@scicom.AlphaCDC.COM>
> Newsgroups: info.paranet
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Welcome back, Rick! Glad to see you in here finally.

Hope to see lots of participation from you and your group in Cleveland.

Mike

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Subject: Belgian Ufo/hard Copy Segment
Date: 27 Dec 90 15:21:00 GMT

* Replying to a message originally to Don Ecker

MC> > Clark, a very interesting idea. If you are serious
MC> > let's see what kind of response we get to that idea.
MC> >
MC> > The address to Hard Copy is;
MC> >
MC> > Hard Copy
MC> > 5555 Melrose Ave.
MC> > Los Angeles, CA 90038.
MC> >
MC> > The producer of that segment was a guy named Dean
MC> > Vallas. So what does everyone else think?
MC>
MC> Let's get this rolling, gang.
MC>
MC> Mike
MC>
MC> --- FD 1.99c
MC> * Origin: ParaNet Information Service -- Leading UFO
MC> Research Network (9:1010/
Mike, I think thats a excellent ideal but it would be better if we
could all write the major networks like 20/20 that has a vast
veiwing audience. These are the shows that won't show this type of
material because of reasons that are unknown to us. Hard Copy was
taken off the air at prime time in this area and is now shown at
6:00 am in the morning. It has very little audience at this time.
73's ---Jim---
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Subject: FYI
Date: 27 Dec 90 15:26:01 GMT

* Replying to a message originally to All

DE> From the "I'm Not Sure It's Real, But If So.....
DE> Dept."
DE>
DE> I have just been informed by Mr. Dave Aaron, Video Dave of

DE> the UFO Clearinghouse of the following.
DE>
DE> If you have read Vol. 5 No. 6 of UFO Magazine, and have
DE> been following the B-2 Bomber vis a vis UFO technology....
DE> well it looks like the good folks at Rockwell, builders of
DE> the American B-2 Bomber may SUE the good folks at "STEALTH
DE> CONDOM." Yep, that is right, Stealth Condom. . . not
DE> Condominium! as in housing, but condom as in a rubber
DE> product. It would appear that the folks at Rockwell are
DE> taking a proprietary interest in the name of Stealth! As
DE> the story is unfolding, a leading Condom manufacturer was
DE> going to market a "Stealth Condom" and Rockwell felt the
DE> URGE to stop it at the court level! Guess you can't tell
DE> where that sneaky little ol' Stealth will turn up.
DE>
DE> Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
DE>
DE> Don
DE>
DE> --- FD 1.99c
DE> * Origin: ParaNet Alpha-Delta < sm > The Data Base
DE> (1:30163/22)
Don, was the purpose of these new condoms for guys that don't want
their you no what to be seen? Or for the boys in MJ--.
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